La Peña Cultural Center
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Berkeley, CA 94705
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La Peña Cultural Center

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FOR ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
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Café Valparaíso at La Peña

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
Wed - Thurs: 5:30pm-9:30pm
Fridays: 11am-10:30pm
Saturdays: 11am-10:30pm
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Phone/fax (510) 841-3800

* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that La Peña discount cards are not valid. Programs subject to change. La Peña is wheelchair accessible.

Two-Month Calendar
See back for August 2009
Take Direct Action, End the War in Iraq!
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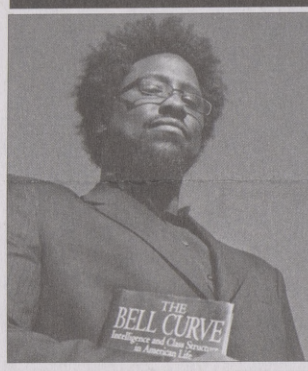

STAND UP COMEDY

Thursday July 30, Friday July 31, & Saturday Aug 1

The W. Kamau Bell Curve

"Smart, stylish, and very much in the mold of politically outspoken comedians like Dave Chappelle and Margaret Cho, Bell's pissed off about recent celebrity racism… Bell manages to make jokes out of the whole situation, while remaining completely furious."

SF Weekly

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 CAFE SCIENCE 7PM EVOLVING UNIVERSE SPEAKER: STEVE CROFT • FREE	**2** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN	**3** DANCE PARTY	**4** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN
Women Drummers International presents **Women Drum Maestras: Born to Drum** A herstoric concert featuring the faculty of the womens' drum camp: Lora Chiorah-Dye, Linda Tillery, Nurudafina Pili Abena, Jackie Rago, Mabiba Baegne, Nydia Mata, Carolyn Brandy, Adwoa Kudoto, Virginia Lopez, Susu Pampanin, Michaelle Goerlitz, Janet Koike, Suki, Elizabeth Sayre & Ojala. **7pm $20 adv. $22 dr.**	LA PEÑA WISH LIST • Bass & piano amps • Mac laptop • Mac desktop G4 • PC laptop with wireless capacity • Clean carpet with sealed edges, 10'X12' for the kids programs • Shure 58 & 57 mics • Rug shampooer	*Cyrano of The Cataracs presents* **Technohop Danceparty: In-degenerate's Day Edition!!** We provide the jams and you shake what yo mama endowed. Like prom but cool. So before you spend July 4th with your rents at some lame BBQ, turn yo swag on at the ALL AGES DANCEPARTY!! **9pm $10 adv. $12 dr.**	THEATER CLOSED **WORKING FOR PEACE IS PATRIOTIC!**
SUNDAY	**5** CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM	**8** FILM	**9** SPOKEN WORD	**10** FUNDRAISER	**11** CONCERT
De Rompe y Raja 7/25	Private Event in the theater CHECK LA PEÑA'S web site for more information and for up-to-the-minute programming **www.lapena.org**	Celebrate the FMLN victory in the 2009 Salvadoran presidential elections **El Salvador: I Want My People to Live** (Adrian Carrasco Zanini, 2009) This 30 minute documentary follows the story through interviews with voters, electoral officials, and members of the competing parties. Discussion with the filmmaker to follow. **7:30pm $8-$10 Sliding scale**	Join **Tea Party Magazine** staff, contributors, and supporters in celebrating the release of issue #18: **The Free Issue** Performances by guest poets and emcee Tru Bloo of NaR, visual art from the magazine, and more. **8pm Free**	**Tsukimi Kai's 3rd Annual Fundraiser** The best Bay Area Nikkei and Latino music/dance together on one stage (plus raffle & silent auction). Tsukimi Kai is an intergenerational group of Nikkei artists, scholars, performers, and scholars with the goal of sharing the common histories of Japanese Cubans and Japanese Americans. **7pm $10-$20 Sliding scale***	La Peña's debut of Bomba group **Aguacero** with featured guests ***Rico Pabon, Sandra Garcia Rivera and Lina G. Torio*** An evening of spoken and sung traditions and contemporary creative expressions through Afro-Puerto Rican bomba music and dance. Bombazo in Café immediately after. **8pm $10 adv. $12 dr.**
	12 CONCERT	**15** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN	**16** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN	**17** CONCERT/DANCE	**18** CONCERT/DANCE
Bobi Céspedes 7/18	A tribute concert to the late songwriter **Lee Goland Lives** Featuring Ian Butler, Mark Silverman, Marcus Duskin, Blackberri, Bernie Gilbert, and special guests. **7:30pm $12 gen. $6*** (seniors, students, & low-income)	CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR MORE INFO. AND UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING WWW.LAPENA.ORG Vukani Mawethu Choir 7/19		**Bolokada Conde - Malinke Djembefola** Bolokada will perform songs from his latest CD ***M'memba Fakoli.*** With Wadaba Korouma, Karamba Dioubate, Mohamed Kouyate, Rafael Forestieri, Josh Tabije, Vijay Rakhra & Sean Araneda. West African Percussion & Dundunba Party after the show. **8pm $20** (See workshops schedule below)	Back by Popular Demand! **Bobi Céspedes** An evening of Afro-Cuban music, danzones, rumbas, boleros, sones with **Marco Diaz**, piano; **Saul Sierra**, bass; **Sandy Perez**, congas & bata; **Jose Roberto**, guitar; **Julio Perez**, bongo & timbales; **Bobi Céspedes**, vocals. First set is concert followed by a dance in the 2nd set. **8pm $18 adv. $20 dr.**
	19 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM	**22** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN	**23** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN	**24** DANCE	**25** CONCERT
	See Bolokada Conde's Workshops info below Welcome Back **Vukani Mawethu** Celebrate the triumphant return of Vukani Mawethu Choir from their month long tour of Southern Africa. Sponsored by COSAS (Committee for Southern African Solidarity) **7pm $10***	CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR MORE INFO. AND UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING WWW.LAPENA.ORG **Help Support La Peña with eScrip** EScrip is a hassle-free way for La Peña to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. Hundreds of merchants contribute a percentage to La Peña when you shop. Call Nadine at (510) 849-2568 ext. 12 to learn more.		Hometown electro pop duo **The Cataracs** perform a special set at the venue it all started. Catch The Cataracs at this rare intimate appearance. The Cataracs have appeared on the cover of The SF Chronicle, The Oakland Tribune, and The Contra Costa Times, debuted a video on MTV, and have had radio singles on Wild 94.9 and Power 106. **9pm $10 adv. $12 dr.**	Let's celebrate the Peruvian Independence Day with **De Rompe y Raja Cultural Association** **Guitarra & Cajón** Featuring Grammy Award Winner David Pinto, Peruvian singer, Andres Alejandro (aka Andy), plus Afro-Peruvian dances and other surprise guests. **8pm $15 adv. $18 dr.**
The Cataracs 7/24	**26** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN (Private Event in Theater) CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING WWW.LAPENA.ORG	**29** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN	**30** STAND UP COMEDY	**31** STAND UP COMEDY	**1** STAND UP COMEDY
		Not a big enough house for all your guests? Did you know you can **RENT US?** Plan your community activity at La Peña. Priority is given to day time rentals. Call us at (510) 849-2568 exts. 17/11	**3 Days only! Thursday July 30, Friday July 31, & Saturday August 1** **The W. Kamau Bell Curve** Just like frozen yogurt, racism continues to make a comeback. Despite the election of a Black President, racism has re-doubled... no, re-quadrupled it's efforts, and W. Kamau Bell (SF Weekly & Comedy Central), is here to make (non) sense of it all. Presented by Third Root Productions. **8pm $15 Thursday; $20 Friday & Saturday** (Adv. txs. available online) Discount for every night is: Bring a friend of a different race and get in 2 for 1! **This discount is available at the door only!**		

MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS MUSIC CLASSES WWW.LAPENA.ORG

BORN TO DRUM – WOMEN'S DRUM CAMP

JULY 2, 3, 4, and 5 ~ 2009
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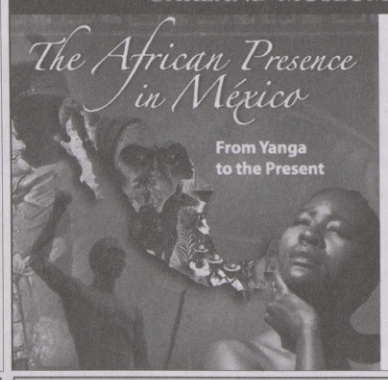
AND
BORN TO DRUM MAESTRAS CONCERT JULY 1
See Calendar for phenomenal lineup of international artists

www.borntodrum.org 510-464-5902

Drum Workshops with Bolokada at La Peña
$20 per class - $100 for 6 classes
July 18 Classes: 10:30am-12pm • 1:30-3pm • 3-4:30pm
July 19 Classes: 10:30am-12pm • 1:30-3pm • 3-4:30pm
Don't miss this opportunity to study with Professor Bolokada Conde. (See Friday, July 17)

OAKLAND MUSEUM of CALIFORNIA



Discover the common ground—African roots in Mexican culture.

May 9 – Aug 23

Exhibition and Programs
www.museumca.org

The African Presence in México: From Yanga to the Present is made possible in part by generous support from the Oakland Museum Women's Board.

The exhibition is organized by the National Museum of Mexican Art. Sponsors are Wallace Foundation, Ford Foundation, Nathan Cummings Foundation, American Airlines.

Advance Ticket Information
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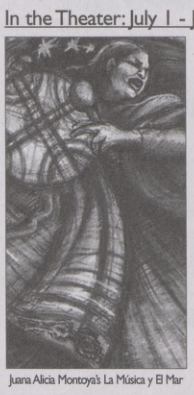
LA PEÑA'S EXPOSICIONES / EXHIBITS

In the Lobby & Cafe: June 28 - August 28. **Carmen R. Sonnes**, a Tejana-Chicana Artist from our neighbor state of Oregon, presents an exhibit of paintings, collages, and prints. Carmen's work vibrates with color & emotion.

Carmen Sonnes' The Queen of the Desert

In the Theater: July 1 - July 29. **La Peña at 34: A History in Murals.** Original portable murals created by Bay Area artists **Juana Alicia Montoya, Tirso Gonzalez, Ray Patlan** and **Susie Lundy.**


Juana Alicia Montoya's La Música y El Mar

In the Theater: August 1 - August 29. Original paintings by **Antonio Guerrero**, one of the five Cuban political prisoners held in the U.S.

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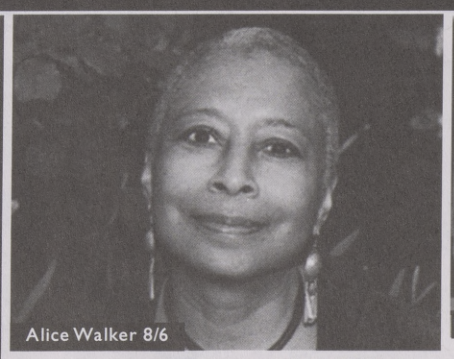
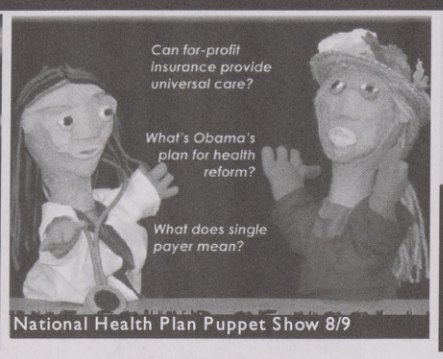
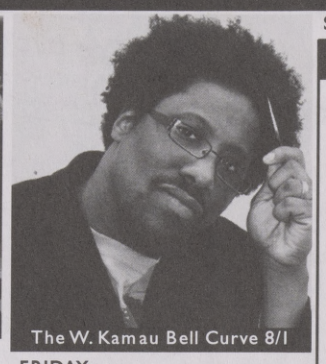
Fanny Ara & Meli Rivera 8/29


Alice Walker 8/6



National Health Plan Puppet Show 8/9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SUNDAY

2 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM

An award winning poet & multi-instrumentalist

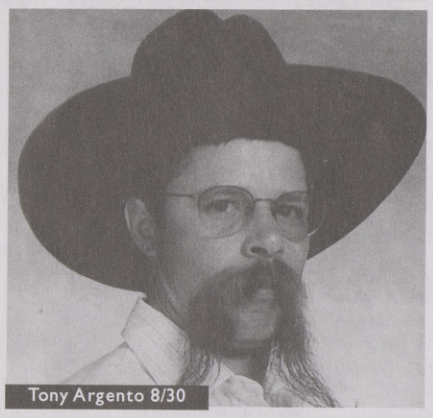
AVOTCJA'S ALLSTAR BIRTHDAY BASH

7PM $10 -$15*

CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Grupo Falso Baiano 8/7

Mochi Parra 8/20


Tony Argento 8/30

Aug. 14 & 15 • Diáspora Negra: The African Legacy in Latin America

A cultural & historical program that highlights the importance of the African Diaspora through music & dance in Latin America. Performances are preceded by a symposium lead by master musicians and dancers. Program made possible in part by a grant from ACTA.

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WEDNESDAY

5 CAFE SCIENCE

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THURSDAY

6 BENEFIT

Art Exhibit Opening
Original paintings by
Antonio Guerrero
one of the Cuban Five Political Prisoners held in the U.S.
Keynote Speaker: Novelist & Poet

Alice Walker

author of the prologue in the book *"Letters of Love and Hope"*, a compilation of letters between the Cuban Five and their families.

7:30pm $10-$20 Sliding scale*

FRIDAY

7 CONCERT

MUSICA DE BRAZIL

Grupo Falso Baiano

begins the evening with classic and modern *choros*. Then Brazilian vocalist **Ana Carbatti** joins the group for a rousing set of classic sambas by Cartola, Beth Carvalho and Paulinho de Viola.

8pm $12 adv. $14 dr.

8 PERFORMANCE AND DANCE

Duniya Dance & Drum Company

present and evening of dance performance, audience participation and music: Bhangra, Bollywood, West African and beyond.

8pm $15 adv. $20 dr.

9 PUPPET THEATER

Single Payer Puppets in

The Sound of Moolah

A fun and lively crash course on what all citizens should know about health care reform. A puppet musical for adults. Written and performed by health workers who support single payer national health insurance. Co-sponsored by California Physicians Alliance.

6pm $5-$10 Sliding scale*

(no one turned away for lack of moolah)

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Diáspora Negra - The African Legacy in Latin America

Friday: George Alabe, Afro-Brazilian music & dance; De Rompe y Raja, Afro-Peruvian; **Hanakpacha & Cantuta**, Afro-Bolivian; **Son tambor & Antioquia**, Afro-Colombian. **Saturday: De Rompe y Raja**, Afro-Peruvian; **Ensemble Ballet Folklórico Mejicano**, Afro-Mexican; **Son Boricua-Hector Lugo/Shefali Shah**, Afro-Puerto Rican; **Sandy Perez y Su Lade**, Afro-Cuban; **Symposium: 6:45-7:45pm Free**
Performances: 8:30pm $18 adv. $20 dr.

16 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM

Tanaora

Led by singer-songwriter Cecilia Engelhart, pianist Bob Karty, and percussionist Michael Spiro, this sextet plays a compelling blend of Latin and Brazilian jazz from their recent CD Día Real and new originals.
Listen at tanaora.com

8pm $12

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20 CONCERT

Entre Amigos

Mochi Parra & Rafael Manriquez

Join us in a great night of Latin American music with Chilean singer **Mochi Parra**, who returns to La Peña's stage from New York, and composer and songwriter **Rafael Manriquez**. Come celebrate this special night of original and traditional songs.

8pm $12

21 CONCERT

Groove Yard Entertainment presents

A Smooth Jazz Groove

An evening of contemporary and fusion jazz. For details and admission price contact: www.groove-yard-entertainment.com

8pm*

22 CONCERT

On tour from the Pacific Northwest

The Righteous Mothers

A progressive folk rock group that performs original feminist and zany music. Check out their YouTube video "Old Fat Naked Women for Peace".

8pm $12 adv. $15 dr.

23 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

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26 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

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27 BEATBOXING

Speak the Music

This show will move you and blow you away with its ever-changing variety of artists. Speak The Music performers include: Soulati and Infinite from Felonious, Syzygy, Eachbox, Monkstilo, Karam, Cornbread, D.C., Icebox, Tim Barsky, Bronkar, Dust9, The Genie, Maximillion, DJ Chemical X & more. All ages.

8:30pm $8

28 DANCE

A creative sound which intertwines progressive Fusion Rock, Latin pop, Brazilian, Flamenco, Afro-Cuban & Jazz

Pellejo Seco

Contemporary Cuban Son playing all original music.

9:30pm $10 adv. $13 dr.

29 CELTIC FLAMENCO

Eternal classics of Celtic & Flamenco lore

Fanny Ara & Meli Rivera

A night of *Celtic* harps, violin, flute, voices & tantalizing *Flamenco* dance & guitar. Two powerful artists & musical genres come together with masterful interpretation of authentic *Celtic & Flamenco* music. ***Fanny & Meli*** are accompanied by the classic Celtic harp trio ***Triskela*** w/ ***Danny Torres,*** Flamenco guitar, ***Lee White,*** Celtic violin, ***Jullian Yu,*** piano & flute, and ***Valerie Orth,*** vocals & guitar.

8:30pm $14 adv. $16 dr.

30 COWBOYS IN BERKELEY?

Tony Argento

Re-live Cowboy Poetry Classics, tales of the "Old West," patriotic verse and Robert W. Service, includin' story and character history as Tony sets you back in time through his unique audience connection abilities of exquisite humorous and solemn character animation & vocal sound effects.

7pm $12 adv. $14 dr.

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Ciao Sylvia!

Long time staffmember, Sylvia Sherman, has left the staff of La Peña Cultural Center. The staff and board will miss her many contributions and accomplishments. Sylvia began at La Peña as a volunteer and later became the manager of the La Tienda. She later transitioned to become our Development Director. Besides being instrumental in securing major funding, Sylvia has been a cornerstone of our arts and education programs. We will miss her dearly and wish her the best.

Welcome Susie Lundy!

Joining the staff as the new Director of Development is Susie Lundy. Susie is an artist, educator, dancer, and is committed to raising political and social consciousness through the arts. Susie brings over 10 years of arts-activism experiences to La Peña.

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